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In re Application of: John Thomas Hare et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 24, 2003, Applicants elect to proceed with the invention defined in claims 20-37. That is, Invention I as defined in the Restriction Requirement.

With regard to the subsequent request that a specific embodiment be elected, Applicants elect to proceed with the embodiment defined in Figure 2. Further, and with regard to the request that a specific outer solid polymeric material be chosen, Applicants elect silicone. With this in mind, claims 20-29 are believed to read upon the elected species.

In view of the preceding election/restriction, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this response and evaluate the claims accordingly. If it is felt that an interview would expedite prosecution of this application, please do not hesitate to contact Applicants'

representative at the below number. If any additional fees are required in conjunction with the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Acct.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard N. Flaxman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Howard" and last name "Flaxman" clearly distinguishable.

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